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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S.-JAPAN MISSILE  
DEFENSE COOPERATION

LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Friday morning include the  
Finance Ministry's proposal of a state budget for  
fiscal 2008 totaling about 86 trillion yen.

11. "U.S.-Japan Coordination Important for Effective MD  
operation" The top-circulation, moderate Yomiuri  
editorialized (12/21): "Missile defense is not perfect.  
Properly speaking, there are two types of military  
deterrence: deterrence via the possibility of a  
retaliatory strike, and deterrence by neutralizing or  
weakening the enemy's attack capabilities. MD's  
deterrence by denial will be most effective in  
combination with the deterrence of retaliation by the  
U.S. military. In this sense, the importance of  
deterrence by the U.S. military remains unchanged.  
Close coordination between the U.S. and Japan is  
critical for the effective operation of the MD system,  
given that Japan needs to rely on U.S. spy and early-  
warning satellites to confirm signs of an imminent  
ballistic missile launch. Communications and data  
transmission were reportedly insufficient between the  
U.S. and Japan and between the MSDF and ASDF when North  
Korea launched several ballistic missiles in July 2006.  
The U.S. military is already deploying several Aegis  
ships equipped with the SM-3 system in Japan while  
concurrently placing PAC-3 missile launchers at Kadena  
AB. Arrangements must be worked out for a division of  
labor and information-sharing between the SDF and U.S.  
forces through joint training."

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